

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
February 12, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 1:30 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD, Wahoo, NE on Monday, February 12, 2018.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our February 12, 2018 board meeting was published on January 25, 2018 in the Banner Press, Columbus Telegram, Fremont Tribune, Schuyler Sun and Wahoo Newspaper.

Chair Birkel informed those present that a copy of the "Open Meeting Act" is posted for public viewing.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Bailey	Hannah	Hilger
Kavan, Don	McDermott	Meduna
Pollard	Saalfeld	Sabatka (left 3:45 p.m.)
Saeger	Seier	Sobota
Thompson	Veskerna	Birkel

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Feala	Kavan, Alex	Olson
Ruzicka		

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Heimann
Schomer	Mountford	Andersen
Oaklund	Benal	Brueggemann
Elliott	Bartek	

Legal Counsel Lausterer

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Mark Walkenhorst was present to give the NRCS Report.

c. NARD Report

Hilger gave the NARD Report.

d. NRC Report - None

e. Managers Report

Gottschalk reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

Kyle Schneider and Colby Gardine from Eco Drip were present and gave a brief presentation on sub-surface

drip irrigation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2018 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Off Site Table Concerns Near Sand Creek – No New Information

b. Murren Lawsuit – No New Information

c. Ourada Lawsuit – No New Information

2. Meetings

a. Pending

1. Director Retreat – Update Given

b. Reports – Update Given

c. Water Strategies – DC Meetings

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to send Gottschalk and Mountford to Washington, DC for one day to meet with Water Strategies and have one and one visits with our representatives. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences - None

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. Election Certifications – Update Given

d. Legislative Update – Update Given

e. Lake Wanahoo Recreation Update – This item will be taken at the end of the meeting

4. Equipment – None

5. Personnel

a. Field Office Positions

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to start advertising to fill the future vacant Butler and Colfax County NRD/NRCS Field Office Positions. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Future Government Shutdowns – Update Given

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve the December Financial Statement as

distributed to all board members. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve Manager Gottschalk's time and expense sheets as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Accounts over 90 Days – Update Given

d. ENWRA Payment

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to authorize making a 30% down-payment to ENWRA for the 2018 AEM Flights under the WSF Contract in the amount of \$225,000. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, that the February LPNNRD Executive Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

B. OPERATIONS, EDUCATION & RURAL WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

2. WILD NE/CREP REPORT – Update Given

3. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

a. Lake Wanahoo Lake Level – Update Given

b. Lake Wanahoo SRA – Update Given

c. Platte River Floodplain Mapping

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to support Option 1 as requested by the City of Fremont and Dodge County to follow NeDNR proposed watershed business plan for the mapping of the Platte River Floodplain from Columbus to Ashland and to coordinate a letter of request/support in requesting funding through the Nebraska Silver Jackets to do the Hydraulic Study. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

d. Advertise for Haying

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to advertise taking bids for the haying of NRD properties on any of our recreation areas at a per ton basis. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Recreation Area Revenues

Hannah made the motion seconded by Meduna, to put hay, dirt and camping fees (Czechland) revenues into its own improvements/maintenance sinking fund for the purpose of future improvements/maintenance on or recreation areas. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

f. Tractor Rental

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to rent a tractor from Dinkel Implement for the 2018 season at a \$25/hr rate and a minimum of 125 hours. Motion carried on consent agenda.

g. Wanahoo Dirt/Sand Sales

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to have staff work with District Legal Counsel in reviewing a new Lake Wanahoo Soil Borrow Agreement between LPNNRD and M.E. Collins Contracting

for a two year term with the possibility to renew it for another two years. Motion carried on consent agenda.

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to enter into a two year Lake Wanahoo Soil Borrow Agreement with M.E. Collins Contracting as reviewed by Legal Counsel Lausterer. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

h. Grass Drill Rental – Update Given

i. Trailers to Sell

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Seier, to sell the 2012 dump trailer in the range of \$4,500 to \$4,000 and also the 2014 cargo trailer starting at \$8,800. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

j. New Vehicle Purchase

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to purchase a 2018 Chevy Silverado 1500 LS Extended Cab 4 x 4, V8 from the State of Nebraska Contract for \$27,074. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. ROCK AND JETTY – Update Given

5. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS – Update Given

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Viaduct – Update Given

b. Education

a. John Hannah Instruction – Update Given

b. Shell Creek Watershed Monitoring Program Scholarship

c. 2020 Envirothon – Update Given

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, that the February LPNNRD Operations, Education and Rural Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

2. ELECTION OF CHARIMAN AND VICE-CHARIMAN

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to confirm Bob Meduna – Chairman and Dave Saalfeld – Vice Chairman for 2018. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. REGULATORY

a. Groundwater Management Area – Update Given

1. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan – Update Given

2. Groundwater Rules and Regulations – Update Given

3. Tile Systems – Update Given

4. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved - Update Given

5. Special Quantity Subareas - Update Given

6. Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition (LPRBC)

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to appoint Director Hilger and Director Feala as Lower Platte North NRD Board Representatives on the Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition. Motion carried all member present voting aye.

7. Cost Share Programs

a. Flow Meter Cost-Share in SQS #2

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve payment of \$772 of cost-share funding from WSF and NRD funds pending paperwork received by Board Meeting, to the following individuals: Malena, Mike for \$386; Malena, Mike \$386. Motion carried on consent agenda.

8. Lower Platte North NRD Operator Certification

a. LPNNRD Certification Classes for Nitrogen and Water Management – Update Given

9. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given

10. Richard-Schuyler Phase 3 Area – Update Given

11. Richland-Schuyler Phase 2 Area North - Update Given

12. Livestock Water Flow Meters – Update Given

4. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve a cost-share estimate of \$280.24 for Tom Christopherson for the proper decommissioning of well G-155296. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Plugged Wells

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve a cost-share reimbursement total of \$635.59 to Loran Houska for the proper decommissioning of well G-051762. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies

1. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA)

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the payment of \$30,000 for the dues to ENWRA. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Lower Platte River Consortium – Update Given

c. Ground Water Quality Sampling – Update Given

d. Other – Update Given

e. GMDA Annual Conference – Update Given

f. Comments from the Public – Update Given

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, that the February LPNNRD Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to appoint Matt Bailey as Project Committee Chair. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to appoint Don Veskerna as Projects Committee Vice-Chair. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

3. SWCP REPORT

a. SWCP Application Approvals - None

b. SWCP Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve the SWCP payments to Jamie Yindrick - \$12,500 and Randy Brabec - \$2,187.78 as shown in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Cancellations – None

d. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Approvals

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to not approve the Lands for Conservation payment request from Gregg Fujan because of not following program requirements as presented in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Approval of 2018 Cost-Share Docket

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve the 2018 DNR Practice Cost List for SWCP cost-share payments and the Lands for Conservation payment rate as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. Shell Creek Enhancement Plan Approvals/Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to pay Larry Fomanek \$2,857.86 cost-share for a septic tank replacement in the Shell Creek Watershed as shown in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Kramer Shell Creek Bank Stabilization Project

Bailey made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to pay Mainelli Wagner & Associates \$12,340.04, for staking, a pre-construction meeting and construction inspection for the Kramer Shell Creek Bank Stabilization Project, as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. Hamata-Vavreck Shell Creek Bank Stabilization – Update Given

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed

1. Wahoo Creek Sites 26 and 27 – FYRA Planning Invoices – Update Given

5. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE - Update Given

6. OTHER

a. Projects/Land Treatment Financial Statement – Update Given

b. Woodcliff Platte River Bank Stabilization Project – Update Given

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, that the February LPNDRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7a. Cover Crop Conference Donation Request

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve payment of \$1,200 to UNL for the Nebraska Cover Crop Conference scheduled for February 15th. Motion carried all members present voting aye. Motion carried.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Sobota, that all bills be approved and warrants be drawn in payment of the same. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve the amended February Consent Agenda by deleting item 6.B.3.j. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Hannah, Hilger, Kavan-Don, McDermott, Meduna, Pollard, Saalfeld, Saeger, Seier, Sobota, Thompson, Veskerna

NAY: Birkel

Item 6.A.3.e. – Wanhoo Recreation Update was taken at this time

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to go into Executive Session at 4:09 p.m. for the protection of public interest due to the potential liability of the NRD's contract with Game and Parks and to authorize the following to stay: Legal Counsel Lausterer, Gottschalk and Mountford. Motion carried all members present

voting aye.

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to go out of Executive Session at 5:08 p.m. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Legal Counsel Lausterer made several comments concerning discussion during Executive Session, but no action was taken.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The March Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, March 12, 2018, 1:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Discussion on all agenda items that have "Update Given" can be found in corresponding Committee Minutes.

The undersigned, the duly elected and acting Secretary of the Lower Platte North Natural Resources District (the "District"), hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the District held on February 12, 2018, that all of the matters and subjects discussed at the meeting were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the principal office of the District during normal business hours, and except for items of emergency nature, the agenda was not altered later than twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the above minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days or prior to the next convened meeting, whichever occurred earlier; and, that reasonable efforts were made to provide all news media requesting notification of the meeting and of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Frank Pollard, Secretary